

Amendments To The Claims

Please renumber and amend the claims below, according to the listing of claims below, which replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

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49. (new) A method of homogenizing a network having a first heterogeneous element that produces a first output and a second heterogeneous element that produces a second output, comprising the step of providing a service to the second heterogeneous element to make said second output appear to be of an element that has the same sentient nature as said first heterogeneous element,

wherein first heterogeneous element is a fuller functional station having a set of features and said second heterogeneous element is a lesser functional station having a reduced set of features than said fuller functional station has, and said first heterogeneous element provides a service to said second heterogeneous element so that the output of said second heterogeneous element approximates that of said fuller functional station,

wherein said lesser functional station is equipped to send a Contextual Addressing Scheme message but cannot receive a Contextual Addressing Scheme message, and

wherein a Contextual Addressing Scheme message has an idealized format comprising two mutually distinct components of [Contextual Function of Contextual Variables] and [Payload].

50. (new) The method of claim 49, wherein said fuller functional station is fully time sentient and said lesser functional station is limited time sentient, where fully time sentient means said fuller functional station has a clock that is coordinated with the time of a third station, and said limited functional station has a clock that cannot be so coordinated.

51. (new) The method of claim 49 wherein said lesser functional station inherits a Contextual Attribute from its custodial, fuller functional station.

52. (new) The method of claim 49, wherein said fuller functional station has a back-up battery and the lesser functional station does not have a back-up battery.

53. (new) The method of claim 49, wherein each station is time-sentient.

54. (new) The method of claim 49, wherein the time-sentience of one station means that it has an internal counter that cannot coordinate with the time outside

the station, and the time-sentence of a second station means that it has an internal counter that does coordinate with time outside itself.

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